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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 2023 ACTION STATE FEB 24:

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY FUND PROGRAMS -  
PRIORITIES FOR FY 76 PROGRAM

REF: CAIRO 1760

1. BASED UPON OUR DISCUSSIONS OVER PAST YEAR WITH PROGRAM  
COORDINATORS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES MAKING SFCP GRANTS AND  
BASED ON OUR OWN OBSERVATIONS OF WORKINGS OF THE VARIOUS  
PROGRAMS, WE BELIEVE FY 76 PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE ATTEMPT  
TO DIVERSIFY GROUP OF PERSONS WITH WHOM WE COOPERATE AND  
THROUGH WHICH WE WORK. IT APPEARS THAT SFCP GRANT PROGRAMS  
HAVE LONG TIME TO RUN AND WE SHOULD BEGIN TO CONCERN  
OURSELVES WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SOURCE OF RESEARCH  
FOR OUR OWN BENEFIT, AS WELL AS THE BENEFIT OF EGYPT. TO  
THIS END, WE BELIEVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL RESEARCHERS,  
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SHOULD BECOME A PRIORITY AND NOT A BY-PRODUCT.

2. IN ADDITION IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE TIME HAS COME WHERE THERE MAY ALREADY BE OTHERS CAPABLE OF HANDLING OUR RESEARCH EFFORTS, BUT BECAUSE OF ESTABLISHED PATTERNS, OUR COORDINATORS LOOK TO THE INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN NAMES TO HANDLE THE PROJECTS. THE FACT IS, WE HAVE DISCOVERED, THESE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO HANDLE MULTIPLE PROJECTS AND USUALLY GIVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO A SUBORDINATE. BY MAKING OUR PAYMENT TO BIG NAMES, THEREFORE WE SOMETIMES GET NEITHER THE EXPERT RESEARCH WHICH WE EXPECT, NOR DO WE OBTAIN IMPACT ON ACTUAL SCIENTIST THAT IS INTENDED.

3. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, FY 1976 PROPOSALS HAVE AS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TWO NAMES OF POSSIBLE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND THAT IN NO CASE SHOULD ANY ONE PERSON GET MORE THAN THREE GRANTS IN ANY ONE FISCAL YEAR. FURTHER SUGGEST SPECIFIC GRANTS BE SUPPLEMENTED TO INCLUDE BOTH RESEARCH AND TRAINING TO HELP DEVELOP FUTURE TALENT FOR OUR RESEARCH.

4. ONCE AGENCIES POLLED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT INFORMING US OF REACTION TO OUR SUGGESTION. EILTS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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